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# Media Advisory

*CCSD, Clemson University to host press conference to discuss residency project*

**Office of Communications**

**Anita W. Huggins, M.Ed.**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Michelle A. Mills**  
Associate of Communications

**Who:** Media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**What:** Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Superintendent of Schools, Anita Huggins, and Clemson University's Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Kristin Gehsmann, will be available to speak with reporters about the collaboration between the district and the university on a co-teaching, or residency, project.

Clemson's College of Education received \$6,000,000 in funding to support the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers and improve student success in CCSD's North Charleston elementary schools through the United States Department of Education's Education and Innovation Research grant.

The funding supports the [project](#) at Pinehurst Elementary School, which is in its second year, and Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School (which starts next year). The project will partner with Claflin University, Clinton College, and SC State University to recruit 60 educators from various entry points into the teaching professions, including traditional education graduates and alternative certification and preservice teachers.

**When:** Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** 75 Calhoun Street, Main Board Room, Charleston, SC 29401

For more information, contact CCSD's Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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**About the Charleston County School District**

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CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.